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FOR R HENNEMEYER,A.GISE,WM.MORGAN AND H.FALCHER

FOLLOWING REPEAT VIENNA 2993 ACTION SECSTATE DATED APR 15:

QTE: UNCLAS VIENNA 2993

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SUBJ: REGIONAL CONSULAR CONFERENCE

REF A) LTR FORGIONE/CLARK DATED JAN. 12, 1977

B) VIENNA 2267 (STATE 067240)

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS REQUEST FOR VARIOUS
TYPE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS RE SUBJECT CONFERENCE. AS NOTED
IN REF A , POST HAS MADE PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS LOCAL
HOTEL SITUATION AND TENTATIVE BOOKING WITH VIENNA HILTON
BASED THIS SURVEY. IN ESSENCE, RESULTS INDICATED THAT
DUE TO SIZE AND TIMING IT WOULD BE EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT
TO OBTAIN GUARANTEE OF NUMBERS OF ROOMS AND NEGOTIATE
REDUCED RATES. SMALLER AND NEARBY HOTELS ARE UNABLE
TO PROVIDE SIZEABLE BLOCKS OF ROOMS DUE SITUATION REF B
AND WERE RELUCTANT TO REDUCE RATES BECAUSE OF HIGH SEASON
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(BEGAN APRIL 1) DEMANDS. EMBASSY, HOWEVER, SATISFIED THESE
REQUIREMENTS WITH VIENNA HILTON AND ALL BOOKINGS HAVE BEEN
MADE AND ACCOMMODATED THERE. SPECIAL ROOM RATES ARE FOR
SINGLES AS 685 (\$40), DOUBLES AS 845 (\$50). THIS
INCLUDES ALL TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES BUT NOT REPEAT
NOT BREAKFAST. THESE RATES ARE NOT MUCH DIFFERENT
FROM WHAT SMALLER HOTELS ESSENTIALLY CHARGE IN THE

HIGH SEASON AND THE ACCOMMODATIONS ARE INFINITELY MORE COMFORTABLE. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS WERE OPERATIONAL, NAMELY, EASE OF ACCESS TO AND FROM AIRPORT (BUS OPERATES DIRECTLY BETWEEN AIRPORT AND HOTEL AND VICE VERSA AT NOMINAL CHARGE OF AS 30 (\$1.80) WHICH WOULD BE REIMBURSABLE ON TRAVEL CLAIM), CONTROL FOR GROUP ACTIVITIES, UNIFORM QUALITY OF ROOMS, AND LASTLY, CENTRAL LOCATION.

2. EMBASSY PERSONNEL WILL ASSIST WITH ARRIVALS AT AIRPORT AND DIRECT TO BUSES FOR HOTEL.

3. EMBASSY WILL ARRANGE FOR SHUTTLE SERVICE BETWEEN HOTEL AND EMBASSY ON CONFERENCE DAYS IN THE MORNING AND RETURN IN AFTERNOON, SINCE PARKING IS SCARCE AND TAXIS EXPENSIVE.

4. EMBASSY SNACK BAR HAS BEEN APPRISED OF ADDITIONAL MEAL REQUIREMENTS AND WILL PROVIDE REASONABLY PRICED BREAKFAST AND NOONDAY MEALS DURING CONFERENCE.

5. VIENNA CONOFFS WILL PROVIDE NOTETAKING REQUIREMENTS AS REQUESTED IN STATE 75518.

6. BUREAU MAY WISH TO REPEAT PERTINENT ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AS NECESSARY TO ALL EUR POSTS. MEEHAN UNQTE VANCE

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